

My name is Tina Geoffino, and I live in Hamden, Connecticut. I am contacting you because I am very concerned for the future of my son. My son Matthew has an autism spectrum disorder.

Connecticut does not provide services for adults who have Autism Spectrum Disorders but do not have mental retardation. Matthew is 24 years old and does not receive services that address the issues these adults face to be able to live an independent and *productive* life, which I am sure is possible. I am writing to you about Bill No

HB5558 - An Act Concerning Services for Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders which would expand services from the state for those living with ASD, and I urge you to support it. Matthew can live and work in the community as a productive member of society but not without the appropriate supports. This bill will allow Matthew to access these supports and live up to his fullest potential.

You can reach me at 203 764 0601 or geoffino01@sbcglobal.net. I look forward to discussing this important issue with you at your earliest convenience.

Thank you again for your time.

Very truly yours,
Tina Geoffino